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**SECOND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND**  
**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper 10) apparently dated February 24, 2003 (hereinafter, the "Office Action") imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified matter. In view of the March 26, 2003, corrected date for reply, this response is timely filed. The applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of the following remarks. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to deposit account number 13-2855.